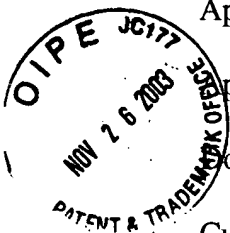


PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



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) Group Art Unit 3728
Appln. No. : 09/994,783)
) Examiner Anthony Stashick
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) Confirmation No. 8368
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Title : SOLE FOR A BOOT, IN PARTICULAR)
) A SPORTS BOOT, A METHOD OF)
) MANUFACTURING SAME, AND)
) A BOOT HAVING SUCH SOLE)

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111
TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 28, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the first Office action, dated August 28, 2003, and following the decision on petition, dated November 14, 2003, please enter the following amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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